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Mr. James E. Andrews, Stated Clerk
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Dear Mr. Andrews:

Thank you for your mailgram to President Carter concerning the trial and sentencing of Mr. Kim Dae Jung and other defendants.

The U.S. Government has followed the trial with intense interest and deep concern. We have strong feelings about the extreme verdict handed down in Mr. Kim's case. The Government of the Republic of Korea is fully aware of our views. Although we are not commenting further on the case now because it is under judicial review, our concern and dialog with the Koreans continue.

Sincerely,

William J. Dyess
Assistant Secretary of State
for Public Affairs

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MR PRESIDENT

IN BEHALF OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES I URGE YOU TO MAKE THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE PROTEST AGAINST THE DECISION OF A MILITARY COURT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA SENTENCING TO DEATH KIM DAE JUNG OF ROMAN CATHOLIC LAYMEN WHO REACH THE HIGHEST POPULAR OPPOSITION PARTY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES THIS YEAR CALLED FOR MORE INTENSE EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN FREEDOM IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUED REPRESSIONS OF THE POLITICAL FREEDOM OF THE CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA BY A MILITARY GOVERNMENT THE NEED FOR A STABLE AND FREE SOUTH KOREA IN THE FACE OF CONTINUE THREAT FROM COMMUNIST NORTH KOREA AND THE COMMITMENT OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION TO HUMAN RIGHTS WE ASK YOUR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF THIS TRAGIC INJUSTICE
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